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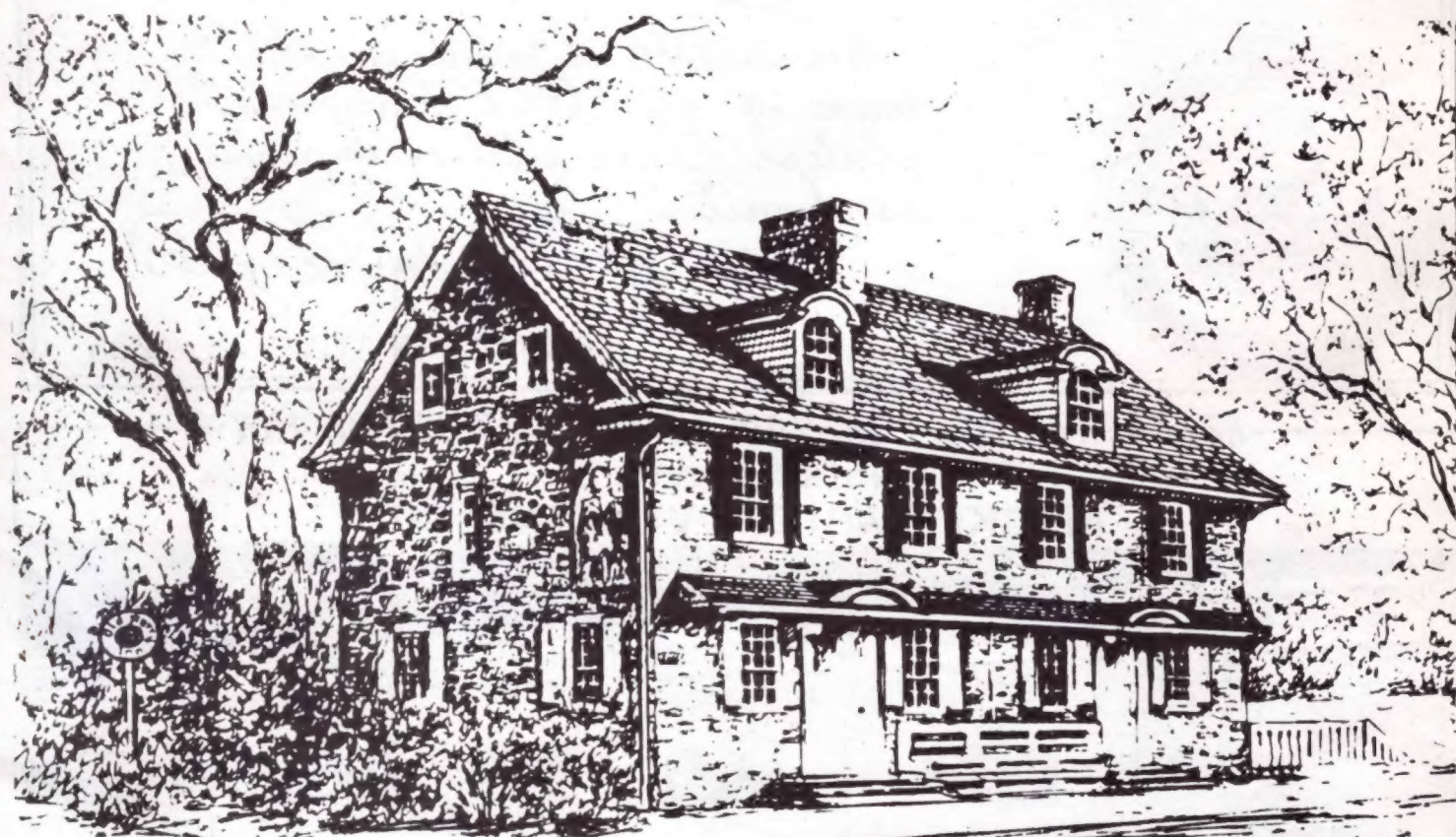
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Old Ferry Inn
Washington Crossing Park
Pennsylvania

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Listing homes to be visited, directions
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about Bucks County

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OLD FERRY INN
PENNSYLVANIA TERMINUS OF MCKONKEY'S FERRY IN 1776

There was great activity here on Christmas night in 1776 as Washington and his troops were making their momentous crossing of the ice-choked Delaware. The resulting Battle of Trenton marked the successful turning-point of the American Revolution.

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a Message from our President

The Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs is pleased to present this brochure which will tell you of plans for Bucks County Day, and at the same time give some information about Bucks County to which you may wish to refer at some future time.

The restoration of the Old Ferry Inn at Washington Crossing is the project for which proceeds from this tour will be used. Plans for the day have been under way for some time. Now we invite your participation. Send for your tickets at once and plan the places you will visit. Ten or twelve might be a reasonable number to list.

The selection of places on this tour have been from the point of view of giving a glimpse of Bucks County's many facets. Therefore we have included the old and the new, the traditional and the contemporary, a look at art, recreation facilities, history, a new school and an industry. We hope that this will be stimulating as you change pace at the various stops.

The Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs, consisting of twenty-eight clubs throughout the county have a fine background for undertakings of this sort as you will know after reading about them elsewhere in this booklet.

We are most appreciative of the cooperation of the various communities, clubs, business men, organizations and the many individuals who have helped in any way to bring about Bucks County Day, October 14, 1961.

We hope you will continue to be interested in this endeavor and the many fine things our individual clubs undertake as needs arise in their communities. The fields of activity are broad in scope, encompassing conservation, education, fine arts, the home, international affairs, and public affairs. Watch the club in your community in action.

We hope you will have a pleasant day and a safe return!

DOROTHEA A. LEWIS, PRESIDENT

BUCKS COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

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OUR PROJECT

All proceeds from the Bucks County House Tour go to the Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs project, aiding the restoration of the Old Ferry Inn, at Washington Crossing State Park.

The Old Ferry Inn was built in 1757, with several sections added after that date. After the battle of Trenton, many of the captured Hessian officers were quartered at the Inn overnight, before they were marched to Philadelphia.

The Old Ferry Inn derives its name from history, as it was once the terminus of the ferry. Later it operated as a restaurant and Inn. In the early 1900's, the building was used as a butcher shop.

The exterior of this old landmark has changed considerably over the years. It was originally built of Pennsylvania field stone. In the late 1800's, the entire building was stuccoed and a large porch was built around most of the building. During the 1930's, the stucco was removed to show the beautiful stone work.

In 1958, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania removed the large sun porch facing the river, as part of restoring it to its original appearance.

In the interior two rooms have thus far been restored by the Washington Crossing Park Commission in co-operation with the Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs. They are the basement room, and the 1757 kitchen.

All persons taking the house tour are urged to stop and see the Inn and the progress that is being made in its restoration.

WASHINGTON'S HISTORIC CROSSING

CHRISTMAS, 1776



All honor to that galaxy of resolute patriots for their heroism at a time when they placed their lives in jeopardy. Let us accord equal honor to the brave men who enlisted under the banner of Washington, suffered privations during a war that raged for nearly seven years. Not even properly clothed, under fed, with bleeding feet, they marched to battle on that stormy Christmas night, carrying their own flint-lock muskets and bullet molds, for the bore of their rifles were not uniform. They were all patriots and we are proud of their heroism.

Fellow Americans of our patriotic society, we ask you to remember Washington who was "First in War, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

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QUAKERTOWN CLUB RESTORES SCHOOLHOUSE

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After considering many places for a Club Home, the Women's Club of Quakertown realized a dream in 1958 when the schools consolidated and the one-room school houses were abandoned. The club purchased one of these "Little Red Brick School houses" for a song. An addition for kitchen, utility room and powder

room were added and whatever luxuries were wanted were gained through the labors of the members.

In restoring this building, the rivalry, enthusiasm, abilities and talents that came to light were alone worth the venture. Women descended with needles, paint brushes, buckets or what have you, just so they could be a part of the development. The building was dedicated in September, 1958 to Irene Harley Ozias a past president.

While the restoration of this "Little Red School House" cannot

compare in scope with the project of the Buck's County Women's Club, we have learned the pleasure derived from preserving a building which represents something of the past. We are proud to be a part of the Buck's County Federation and its program to restore the Old Ferry Inn at Washington Crossing Park. It will add to the interest of those visiting the park and preserve a building which too is part of our past.

Congratulations to those who selected this fine and interesting project.

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PENNSBURY

A HOME OF HISTORY

By EMILY FAIRCHILD

Reprinted from the Doylestown Panorama

William Penn's fabulous home in the new world, Pennsbury Manor, stands behind formal gardens and a long avenue of trees extending to the Delaware River.

It looks through pink-tinted window panes at the twentieth century stream of yachts and ore boats with the same aloof gaze its earlier counter-part bent on the packet boats and rafts of Penn's day.

Penn received the charter for "Pensilvania" in 1681 from Charles II in payment of a claim of sixteen thousand pounds owed his deceased father, Admiral Sir William Penn, by the British Crown.

On his first visit to Pennsylvania in 1682, the plans for Pennsbury were begun. Penn returned to England in August 1684 and did not visit his province again for fifteen years. During this time the Manor buildings were constructed.

The impressive three story brick Manor House was a dream of Penn's made real. It was precisely built to his specifications under the supervision of William Markham. Furnishings for the decorations, including tiles for the fireplaces, had to be imported from England. Surrounding the Manor House are other buildings

which contributed to the self-sufficiency of the estate. Among them are an ice house, a smoke-house where meats were preserved, and a bake and brew house. There are also barn, stable and a separate office building.

Despite his scrupulous attention to detail in the construction of Pennsbury, Penn spent surprisingly little time in it after it was completed. He lived there with his second wife Hannah Callowhill Penn, between 1699 and 1701. A son John was born there in 1701.

It was in November 1701 that Penn left the Manor for the last time. A century later his magnificent new world dream home was fallen and decayed. The present buildings are a reconstruction following his original plans. They were begun in 1932 and completed in 1938. Pennsbury has been refurnished since with authentic pieces of the Colonial period.

Penn had his private office in the Manor House in a room to the left of the entrance hall, directly across from the best parlor. The office adjoins the retiring room. Evidences of "the proprietor" are numerous: his desk, his quill pens, his prodigious journal.

The dining room is dominated by an enormous harvest table. Behind it stands a large polished wooden napkin press.

Beside the stairway stands a Bull's-eye clock exactly like the one Penn owned. This was made in Bristol, England. Its hands are shaped as sword and scissor, denoting man's work and woman's work. A round piece of glass set into the base gives it the name Bull's-eye.

On the second floor are four bedrooms and the nursery. The only bed which doesn't have a canopy is Penn's. A highboy which belonged to Penn's housekeeper, Rebecca Blackfan, who lived at the house till around 1716, is especially prominent in the guest room. Ming vases line the mantelpiece above the guest room fireplace.

Children gaze with awe at the brass bed warmers hanging from each bedroom fireplace and gape over the large spinning wheel in the kitchen. More interesting to mothers, perhaps, are the needle-work forms in several rooms and the handloomed spread on the bed in Letitia Penn's room. She was a daughter by Penn's first wife Guliemla Springett.

Hannah Penn's room, Letitia's room, and the nursery are real-

istically reproduced. Curiosity leads the Pennsbury visitor to a lingering look at the rope twist design commonly used in this period.

Executed in small detail on the Bull's-eye clock, it is also used on the whisk broom and candle holder in the office and on the candle holder in the retiring room. The office candle holder shows a reverse design, the retiring room holder, a tapered design. Interesting feats in a hand-crafting era.

Antiquity and the Atomic era find a significant contiguity along the banks of the Delaware at Pennsbury. A channel dredger anchored at the foot of the Manor path links the towering ramp of the Pennsylvania-New Jersey Turnpike bridge and the orange smoke belched by the Fairless Steel Works.

Pennsbury pays tribute to a distracted, hurrying modern world which ropes off a piece of its past and takes time to restore and preserve it so that present and future generations can feel and respect the forging spirit of their ancestors. For no matter what the challenge was in its era, still it is the eye of 1700 gazing on 1961 that sees the world rose-colored.

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The Ladies Meant Business

By Grace Chandler

The idea of clubs for women is far from new. In ancient times, women gathered together to invoke the blessings of the gods, to exchange recipes for love potions, and to figure out some less fatal way to stop Junior from toddling out of the cave to pull the tail of a saber-toothed tiger.

In later centuries, the women formed groups to discuss matters of etiquette, fashions, the strange ways of men and, of course, the failure of the younger generation to respect authority and the old ways of doing things.

Many of this country's early clubs for women were sewing circles, whose basic if unexpressed purpose was to combat the loneliness of rural life in those days. Church women formed missionary societies to carry the Word—and clothing—to naked heathen in far away places. Eventually, the more perceptive women became aware of the need to feed and clothe the poor in their own home towns, and formed charitable groups to meet it. Women came together to support the fight for temperance, for the end of slavery and—a real shocker—for “women's rights.” Later, the wives of the more prosperous citizens yearned in groups for culture, and a town without its “Browning Society” was considered very backward. There were plenty of precedents when, in the decades after the Civil War, the women began to organize clubs for less talking and listening and more doing.

One of the first women's clubs



Entrance to The Doylestown Hospital. (Photo courtesy Doylestown Panorama).

in Bucks County was the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown, established by fourteen public-spirited non-voters in the area who, even in 1895, had begun to have grave doubts that a woman's only place was in the home.

If keeping things neat and clean was the female role, how about giving the town an overhauling? The clothes of that day may have influenced their decision to tackle the indifferent, to say the least, housekeeping of the borough officials. Already weighted in the rear with skirts with long trains, the women objected to dragging along as well the trash and mud or whatever littered the streets. One of their

first acts was to sponsor the use of a cart, to collect the rubbish and haul it away. The clomp of the horse pulling the cart was echoed in the snort-snort of Council members at this further evidence that women were silly creatures who never could let well enough alone.

The blood pressure of the town fathers rose another notch when the “bold busy-bodies” named a “spitting committee” and set out to curb this horrid habit of tobacco-chewing males, in public places. At the vigorous urging of the committee, the spittoons at the post office, the railroad station, the court house and other public gathering places were emptied, scrubbed out and even polished with—to masculine eyes—unnecessary frequency. Made self-conscious by the women's pressure on cleanliness, the men's markmanship improved.

By this time, there was no doubt in anyone's mind that the V. I. A. ladies meant business. Much to the surprise of the men and, for that matter, of many of their sisters, they always thought before they leaped and contrary to the belief of the day that females were lacking in intellect, were guided in their crusades “by sweet reason.”

There was the matter of the borough's water supply, for instance. In an earlier generation, when residents drew their water from wells in back yards—or from their neighbors' when their own went dry, the idea of replacing them with a more modern system was considered ridic-

ulous by many. What was good enough for Grandpa was good enough for them. So, when “that woman's club” wanted the water provided by the present system analyzed, the opposition ran true to form. If it wasn't pure, who wanted to know it

The V.I.A. won that round, but it was too soon to mention water again when it requested Council to lay the dust in the streets by frequent sprinkling. So the members purchased a sprinkler cart on their own, and paid for its operation. For a weekly fee of 25 cents, residents could have their frontage wetted down regularly between rains. Boon to housewives that this was, not all husbands got the point to the extent of opening their purses, so the blessings of the sprinkler were mixed. Your own dust decently laid, you watched the neighbor's dust fly in mocking freedom.

Times change. Today, these examples of pioneering in community betterment are merely amusing. Their importance in an earlier era has faded under the light of modern standards of municipal housekeeping. But the V.I.A.'s prime concern with the health of the area has its permanent triumph in the Doylestown Hospital.

Aroused by industrial accidents and alarming maternal mortality figures, the club set up a Hospital Fund in 1907. Sixteen years later, during which time Doylestown women sponsored many entertainments and sales to help raise money for the project, a private home was purchased by the V.I.A. and remodelled as a hospital. Although it had a capacity of only 15 beds, there were peak periods when it housed as many as 22 patients and 11 babies at one time. Their pride in this accomplishment did not make the members lose sight of the original goal—a modern, completely equipped building built expressly for the purpose.

A bequest of \$40,000 made by Isaiah W. Closson, of Carversville, in 1935 aided greatly in making that dream come true, and a 31-room building of colonial design was dedicated in 1939—a solid tribute to those “interfering women” of 1895. The Doylestown Hospital is the only one in the United States—and very likely the only one in the world—founded, owned and maintained by a woman's club.

In 1935, the V.I.A. sponsored the organization of the Junior



The V.I.A. operated Gift Shop in the Doylestown Hospital. (Photo courtesy Doylestown Panorama).

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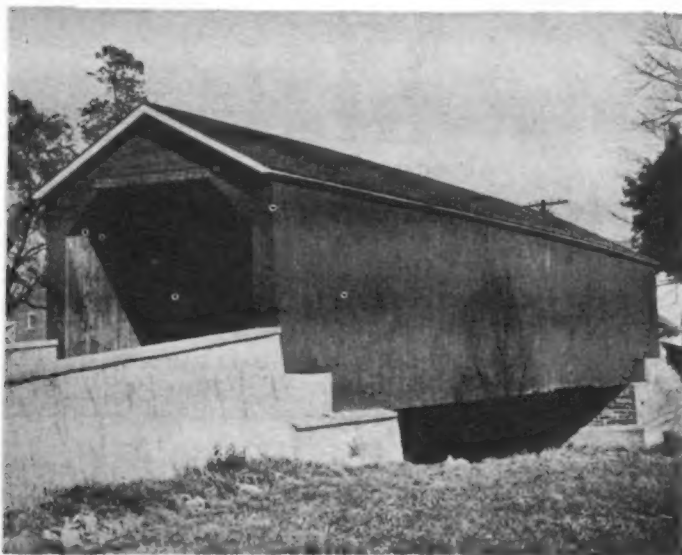
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The bridge was moved from its original site in August of 1958, taking professional riggers 8 days to move it one mile to its present location, at a cost of \$4300. Dedicated leaders of the Perkasio Historical Society assumed the responsibility of raising the funds so that the bridge would become a national shrine to a passing era for generations to come.

The bridge is located at the Little League Ball Field of Menlo (Lenape) Park in Perkasio, where it can easily be seen and enjoyed by everyone.

HISTORICAL GROUP

The Bucks County Historical Society was founded January 20, 1880.

RECOGNITION

The Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs are deeply indebted to the members of the Washington Crossing Park Commission for their co-operation in aiding the Federation in restoring the Old Ferry Inn at Washington Crossing.

Members of the commission include: Mr. Emil J. Lever, Mrs. Ann Hawkes Hutton, Eugene Rosenberger, Mr. Wm. C. Ridge, Thomas Priory, Irving G. Schoech, Issadore Schrager, J. Carroll Molloy, and Donald E. DeLacey.



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See the "Y" in operation.

*Official Headquarters on the day of the tour.

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Harmony and Hay Roads, Levittown

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Mrs. Thomas G. Hawks, "Shadyside"

N. Radcliffe Street, (Edgely) Bristol, Penna.

(sixth house north of the turnpike bridge on the river bank)

Estate of the late Thomas G. Hawks, esq. Central part of the house built in the 18th Century, later additions in the 19th century and in 1920. Many fine appointments.

Adjoining property:

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hutton (Ann Hawks Hutton)

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Mrs. Stanford K. Runyan

Mrs. Wm. T. Taylor

910 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, Penna.

Oldest home on Radcliffe Street. Contains beautiful fireplace mantels and handsome firebacks. A gracious home on the river bank completely furnished with lovely antiques.

Miss Georgine MacMichael

235 Radcliffe St., Bristol, Penna.

Built 1790. Occupied for several years by Don Louis de Onis, Minister of Spain to the new United States when Philadelphia was the capital.

The first proxy wedding ceremony performed in this country occurred here when the daughter of Don de Onis became the bride of a Spanish officer while the groom remained in Spain.

The house contains the original beautiful staircase. Now a charming residence delightfully furnished with antiques.

The Richardson House (The Community House)

Langhorne, Pa.

This house is in a fine state of preservation. The first floor kitchen was completely restored by the Langhorne Junior Sorosis, a member club of the Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs. The landscaping of the building is the current project of the "Four Lanes End Garden Club" of Langhorne.

Mrs. Dorothy Odiorne

151 West Maple Avenue, Langhorne, Penna.

This lovely old residence with its great center hall and three and a half story open staircase has great charm. Nothing has been lost in it's change into four living units. 1740 section has distinctive fireplace, built-in wall of cupboards, drawers, with leaded glass top. Cellar has well and passage to underground railroad used to aid escaping slaves.

St. James Episcopal Church

Langhorne, Pa.

Beautiful old English style church. Open beam ceiling, and interesting old stained glass windows.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wildman

Flowers Mill Road, Langhorne, Penna.

Handsome old stone house in fine condition after several restorations. Here may be seen walk in fireplace and others, old prints, maps, copper, onionware, H-L hinges. An 1830 wedding certificate contains many early Bucks County names.

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Dr. David Raw

Fallsington, Pa.

"The Hough House," built in 1780 and completely restored. It is furnished through-out with period pieces.

Burgess-Lippincott House

Meeting House Square, Fallsington, Penna.

Beautifully restored house is headquarters of Historic Fallsington, Inc.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Hennessey

127 Sycamore Street

Newtown, Penna.

House built in 1800 by John Milner, a stone mason. Many choice things to be seen here. Collections of illustrated manuscripts, maps, etc. Herb garden.

Mr. and Mrs. William Nixon

Route 413, Pineville, Penna.

Completely restored school house. The sixteen foot ceilings were dropped to 12 ft. to make two full stories. Fine cabinet work.

Thompson-Neely House

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Washington Crossing, Pa.

America's "House of Decision," being the headquarters for Washington. Conferences held here planned the famous crossing of the Delaware on Christmas night 1776. Furnished with original items of the period.



"Church of the Log College"

HOUSE LIST FOR 1961

CONTINUED

The Old Ferry Inn

Proceeds from this tour will go to the restoration of this building which played so prominent a part in the events around the crossing of the Delaware in 1766. Terminus of the McKonkey's Ferry

Washington Crossing Memorial Building

Exhibit of the famous painting "Washington Crossing the Delaware," David Library of the American Revolution in the east wing.

George Nakashima New Hope, Pa.

Wood worker and designer of furniture. The studio, showroom, workshop and finishing building will be shown.

The Flood House New Hope

Formerly the Beaumont house home of prominent early resident John Beaumont who built it in 1800. Present owner Dr. John Flood.

Phillips Mill North of New Hope

Phillips Mill Art Exhibit and Community center. Built 1756 and run as grist mill until 1898 by the Phillips family. An exhibit of paintings and sculpture will be on display.

Parry Barn New Hope

Maintained by the New Hope Historical Society. Art exhibits. An Architectural Show will be in progress when we visit.

Dr. and Mrs. Bradford Green Route 202, Holicon, Pa.

An old fieldstone farm house, once the home of playwright and author, George S. Kauffman. Many lovely antiques.

Trinity Episcopal Church Buckingham, Pa.

Charming old country church, built in 1840.

Mercer Museum

Pine and Ashland Streets, Doylestown, Penna.

Turreted structure houses the collection of artifacts of Dr. Henry Chapman Mercer, archeologist. Also books, manuscripts, and other interesting material collected by the Bucks County Historical Society. Here is the history of our country from the point of view of the work of human hands.

James Lorah House Main Street, Doylestown

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"Fonthill" Street

East Court, Doylestown, Penna.

Home of Dr. Chapman Mercer. Built entirely of cement decorated with tiles from Mercer's collection. Contains his private art collection.

John Stover Tinicum County Park Tinicum, Pa.

The Barn restored in 1958. Unique bell tower, unusual history. Now used for community activities.

Brick residence on property is of unusual architectural and historic interest. Park board restored damaged corner and as funds permit may be used for park office or museum to house material relating to Upper Bucks life.

The Presbyterian Church of Deep Run East of Dublin, near Elephant, Pa.

Still known as the "Irish Meeting House," the church's first pastor was William Tennent. Founded in 1725 and rebuilt in 1841.

The Meierhans Art Gallery Home of Joseph Meierhans Hagersville, Pa.

Exhibits of local artists may be seen in the more than 200 foot long modern art gallery converted from a chicken house. The manor home was built in 1868 with steel beams and brick ceiling and furnishes a dynamic setting for the abstract paintings of this fine artist.

The Peace Lutheran Church Hagersville, Pa.

A most modern church in a rural setting.

Walter Baum Gallery Sellersville

Four galleries displaying the works of noted artist Walter E. Baum will be open, plus a special exhibit for the tour.

Quakertown was originally settled in the 18th century by English and Welsh Friends and by Germans seeking religious freedom. The original name of the community was "Flatland." Later it was known as "Richland" and near the turn of the century became Quakertown.

Reflecting one of the former names is the local library, "The Richland Library," at 44 South Main Street. This local library still administered by a group of interested citizens was the third established in the state of Pennsylvania.

To serve the original settlers, showing the town's former name, is the Richland Friends Meeting House, constructed in 1710. This historic religious building is a constant reminder of the brave people who settled this country, giving us a proud heritage.

Contrasting with the colonial atmosphere of much of the area is the modern fieldstone ranch home of Dr. and Mrs. Norman Dinnerman, 49 Muhlenberg Circle, Quakertown. The friendly jockey on the lawn establishes the mode for this well appointed household. Coral, driftwood, and other unusual items have been used to make this a most interesting and charming home.

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THE HOUSE AT 4 LANES END

The Langhorne Community House is now headquarters for the Langhorne Junior Sorosis. The Club helped with the restoration of this historical building and dug out the history, through careful study of old family diaries. The "House at Four Lanes End," originally the Richardson House, has quite an interesting background.

The first Joseph Richardson came from England bringing with him a legacy enabling him to purchase one acre of land in Langhorne, which was then known as Four Lanes End. The purchase was made on November 7, 1737, after which, young Richardson started the building of his house. The house, made of limestone from Edge Hill and brought down the Durham Road, was built in two years. Because there were no saw mills in those days, everything made of wood was milled by hand with a whip-saw. The joists and rafters were made of white oak, the floors of yellow pine, and the doors and windows of yellow poplar. Few houses in this part of Bucks County exceeded this house. One day Joseph was showing his house to one of his careful Quaker friends and with pardonable pride asked him, "What does thee think of it?"

The friend replied, "Be careful thee doesn't get to the bottom of thy purse before thee gets to the top of thy fine house."

When it was completed Mr. Richardson moved in and opened a store. Since it was the only department store between Bristol and Durham, Joseph enjoyed a large trade. He dealt in everything including cordwood, deerskins, molasses, rum,

sugar, hides, and leather. These items were brought up the river from Philadelphia on flat boats and then drawn over dirt roads by horse and cart. Once Joseph Richardson made a trip to Jamaica looking for articles to sell in his store. He had 40 slaves for the house. However, 100 years before Lincoln's emancipation Proclamation at the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting it was suggested that members free their slaves "for conscience sake," and Mr. Richardson complied.

During the winter of 1777, Lafayette and his men stopped for two days at his house. They warmed their cold and wounded feet in the huge, deep, iron oven which was in the kitchen.

The English settlers found few trees in this part of the country to remind them of their native land. To help ease their homesick feeling they sent to England for European sycamores, commonly known as buttonwoods, to plant here. Two of these trees are still standing in Langhorne. One is on the Community House lawn and the other is on North Bellevue Avenue.

In 1957, the house had fallen into disrepute. The Langhorne Junior Sorosis noted this and made it the project for the 1957-58 year. With a great deal of help from the community, the club was able to make great headway on the project.

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HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES OF THE AFFILIATED CLUBS

(The following is a listing and history of member clubs of the Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs. Readers will be interested in the wide scope of activities that the many member clubs participate in.)

BRISTOL TRAVEL CLUB

The Bristol Travel Club was organized in 1901 by Mrs. Emelen Martin, with a group of twelve ladies, for the purpose of studying and learning about foreign countries—thus the name chosen by them. Though having a purely cultural beginning, its interests soon were broadened, and by 1906 it had been admitted to the Pennsylvania State Federation. In 1925 the General Federation was joined.

Meetings were held in the homes of members until 1928, when the Club Home at 331 Cedar Street, Bristol, was leased. This property was finally purchased by the Club in 1956.

Many projects, civic and charitable, have been sponsored and aided both by contributions and services of members. Our motto, "Lift Your Eyes Above the Horizon," was given to us by those twelve ladies so long ago. For 60 years hundreds of women of the Travel Club have found companionship and friendship through work and play together, for joy and benefit to both themselves and others.

Bristol Jr. Travel Club

A group of young women from Bristol often would meet with each other to discuss places of interest which they had visited. These women formed the Bristol Jr. Travel Club. The date was December 5, 1930, and Ann Hawkes Hutton, the noted author and historian of Bucks County was the clubs' first president. On March 3rd, 1943, the club became a Federated Women's Club.

The Club Home at 321 Cedar St. in Bristol is the center of the activities and projects for the organization. Meetings are held the second Thursday evening of each month, September through June.

Although the Bristol Jrs. are a comparatively small club, they

are very active in their community as well as being the recipients of the Four Fold Award many times for working on a County, State, National, and International level.

Buckingham Junior Women's Club

The Buckingham Junior Women's Club was organized in 1939 and became a federated club in the same year.

Meetings were started in the Buckingham Friends Meeting School in Lahaska. Several years later their meetings were held in the same hall as the Midway Fire Company, when the fire company built a larger building the Buckingham Juniors rented the Buckingham Parish House where the meetings are now being held.

The purpose of the club is to bring comfort to those who have little by donating money to families whose children needed proper eye glasses, and dental assistance. The club helped to get started, the dental laboratories in the New Hope and Buckingham schools. The club has Christmas parties for the handicapped and underprivileged children. Baskets of food, clothing and toys are given at Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter, to unfortunate families in the community.

They have purchased a wheelchair, and any one in the community may use it free of charge. The club has recently been working on plans for a Buckingham Playground.

The purpose of the club is to maintain an organized center for intellectual, moral, and social development among the girls and young women of Buckingham and vicinity; to equip them for service in the community, and to strive for a better understanding of ourselves as a group.

CHALFONT JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB

The page is yellowed now, and the ink somewhat faded, but the minutes of the first meeting of the "Junior Community Club" still stand to tell us that in Chalfont, Pa., on Sept. 16, 1927, eight young women met "for the purpose of organizing the club." Reading through almost a generation of records, and sometimes reading between the lines, the words become alive. There is nostalgia in learning that on a long ago spring day, the club members went on a hike; there is satisfaction in knowing that then, as now, club members put others first—the gifts to the needy, the bundles for Britain, the flowers

for shut-ins; there is pride in knowing that we carry on tradition with community affairs such as the Halloween parade and the Christmas Sing; and there is heartbreak in the changes in plans and the projects that didn't quite come off, all so faithfully recorded by secretaries through three decades.

Those impersonal words, "it was decided" are written on every page, but they call forth a flood of pictures, inspiring pictures of young women through the years; young women with different faces, changing their styles and changing styles of clothing, but with a similarity of purpose. One sees their faces glowing in success, resolute in setback; one sees them all—a club discussing and carrying out plans to "develop the educational, civic, and social interests of its members; to advance the welfare of the community, and to promote the progress and work of the Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs."

DOYLESTOWN V. I. A.

The Village Improvement Association of Doylestown, largest

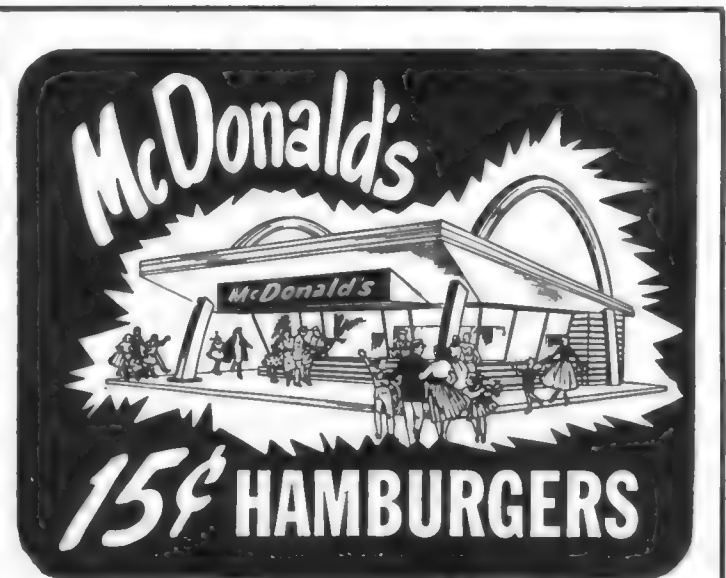
and one of the most active clubs in the Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs, was organized in April 1895, as the first woman's club in the county.

Its purpose when organized was to improve the health, beauty and welfare of the community and to this end first efforts were directed toward the purchase of a street sprinkler to lay the dust and improve the appearance of the town.

In the years that followed, a Visiting Nurse Service, Child Health Clinics, and an Emergency Hospital were established. Today, sixty-six years later, the V.I.A. owns and operates a fully accredited hospital, located on Belmont Avenue at Spruce Street in the County seat.

This 89-bed institution with pediatric section and complete obstetrical department is complemented by an excellent staff of doctors and nurses. In the spring of 1960 the newest wing, built at a cost of more than \$600,000, was dedicated. The laboratory has also been enlarged and plans for the future include new operating and x-ray departments. A gift shop and snack bar

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are available to patients and visitors.

Membership of the V.I.A. at the present time is 330, with a Junior Woman's Club totaling an additional 85. Many members of both clubs are actively engaged in conducting the affairs of the hospital and visiting nurses service, and the new homemakers service now being instituted for the community.

The recipient of many legacies, the V.I.A. also administers funds given to both the club and hospital, and special funds to the needy. The V.I.A. members are also the proud owners of a handsome club house, bequeathed to them by a charter member, Miss Sarah M. James. This historical building with its fine Victorian furnishings has been completely restored and is available for club meetings and community activities. It is one of the show places of the County.

The V.I.A. also participates in the department work outlined by the State and General Federation of Women's Clubs, and has been the recipient of numerous awards for outstanding community achievement.

Junior Women's Club of Doylestown

The Junior Women's Club of Doylestown has the unusually rewarding project of maintaining the Pediatrics Ward of Doylestown Hospital, owned and operated by the senior club, The Village Improvement Association, one of six Charter members of the Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs.

The club was both organized and federated in 1935. Three years later the first of its hospital projects was accomplished. The planting of a dogwood tree on the institution grounds.

From 1938-45 the Juniors aided in numerous fund drives, assisted in clinic examinations, and completely decorated and furnished a room in the hospital. Two members were admitted to the Board, the President and Chairman of the Hospital Committee.

In 1946 the pediatrics section was enlarged. Four years later the group assumed the entire responsibility for maintenance of the ward, from diapers to linens. They have frequently contributed substantial funds for urgently needed equipment, in addition to other improvements.

In 1957-60 club efforts were directed mainly toward a pledge of \$3,000 for a new 13 bed Pediatrics Department dedicated only last year. Funds were earned through many projects including fashion shows, gourmet bazaars, dances and smorgasbords. A Christmas Party is planned annually for children who are in the hospital at the Yuletide sea-

son. Present efforts also include a sizeable yearly subscription to the hospital and the establishment of a Memorial Fund to aid needy patients with their bills.

One of the most outstanding projects of the group has been the recent organization and sponsorship of an annual Village Fair for the benefit of the hospital. This year it was enthusiastically supported by more than twenty organizations in the area and as a result some \$5,000 was contributed to the institution for further improvements.

The hospital project, as the joint entry of the V.I.A. and the Junior Club twice has been the recipient of the first place award in Pennsylvania in the State Federation Community Achievement Contest.

Club interests in the community also include a wide variety of activities as outlined by the County, State and General Federation of Women's Clubs. In 1952 while members of the local junior and senior clubs served as Education Chairmen for Bucks County, programs in character building and education for retarded children was adopted as the County Project. It was widely acclaimed, and the following year was adopted as the junior project of the Pennsylvania Federation. The local club has continued its interest in mental health and other aspects of this program.

The Doylestown Club has also been honored by having five members of their group serve in the highest office in the County, President of the Junior Council.

The club, through the years, has readily welcomed any challenge to stimulate and direct its efforts for greater public service and community benefit. It is now perfecting plans for an even more exciting Village Fair in June 1962.

FAIRLESS HILLS WOMAN'S CLUB

In 1951, Bucks County was growing by leaps and bounds. With the construction of the Fairless Steel Plant in Morrisville, a community of homes, churches, schools and shopping district began to take form. This community became Fairless Hills.

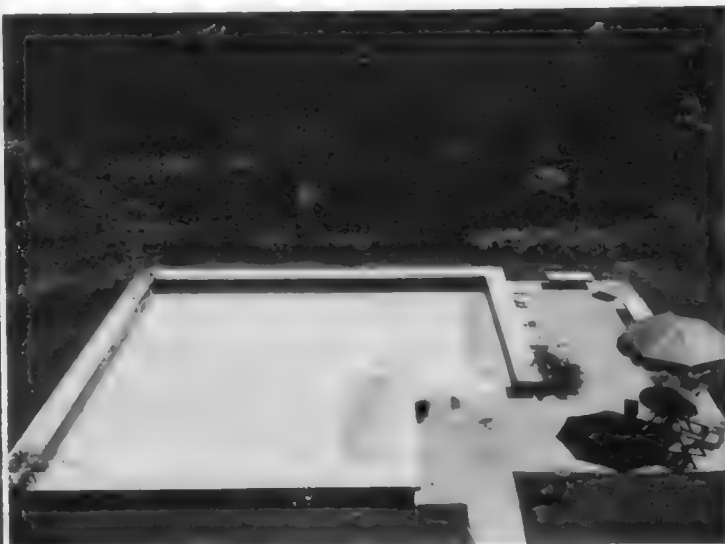
This new community was a community of displaced women. Women, who in other sections of the state had been active club women, women who left friends and families far away to come here with their husbands. These women felt a great need for a club. On November 30, 1951, a meeting of interested women was called and it was decided to apply for membership in the General Federation.

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eighty-seven charter members. Mrs. E. Wilmer Fisher, Morrisville, Pa., County President, installed the new officers with Mrs. James Chisholm as the first president. Membership grew until in 1953, with one hundred eighty-one members, our club received an award at State Convention for the most new members.

So began the years of active community living and giving and the completion of many club projects. These projects took the form of financial aid as well as many volunteer hours of service to community organizations. Only a few of our projects being financial aid to Girl Scouts, Isolette for Lower Bucks Hospital, Nurse Scholarship, Y.M.C.A., Regional Library, Fire Auxiliary, Rescue Squad and a Community Picnic Area.

Our Public Affairs Department in 1958-59 received an Honor Award for Safety. In 1958, we also became incorporated. In 1961, we received a Certificate of Merit from Meals for Millions.

This is only a beginning of our club's history and there is no ending for a good club.

LANGHORNE SOROSIS

Langhorne Sorosis, founded and federated in 1896, is probably the only woman's club that included men in their membership list. From 1903 to 1917, during the time when the club owned the fine property on North Bellevue Avenue now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Philip G. Lewis, men were accepted into membership, paid full dues, attended evening meetings, contributed generously in time and money to the upkeep of the property, but had no voting privilege whatever!

This woman's group began as a "Porch Club," and in the summer months met on the wide verandas of the handsome Victorian houses of the town. They adopted the name of the parent of the General Federation, The New York Sorosis, read papers on literature and travel, and enjoyed refreshments—usually "one liquid and one solid."

By December, 1898, the club distributed baskets to "3 families of the needy poor" and thereby made local history by being the first group outside of

religious circles to take such action. This started the club's continuous record of achievements in community service projects.

As early as 1914 the club had become departmentalized and groups were formed for the pursuit of special interest in dramatics, art, gardening, music, literature and homemaking. They sponsored Langhorne's first art show and still sponsor an annual flower show.

Membership has averaged over one hundred. Programs (twice a month for fifty years) have covered the complete range of topics of interest to women and have provided the members with training in good citizenship. The programs have been supplemented with financial contributions and volunteer aid to such causes as Women's Suffrage, Chautauqua, the fire department, home economics department in the public schools, community nurse, story hour for children, Parent-Teachers Association, Girl Scouts, Red Cross, Tuberculosis Fund, Cancer Fund, Langhorne-Middletown Library and others.

Since 1918 Sorosis has held both business and social meetings at the Langhorne-Middletown Library and has sponsored trips to theatres, gardens, and places of historic interest, including the United Nations. In 1920 the club established the first junior club in Bucks County for their own daughters. They have been devoted in the support of state and

national federation projects, and while providing members with a pleasant social use of leisure time, have also guided and inspired each member toward the best use of her talents for her home and her community.

LANGHORNE JUNIOR SOROSIS

Club Motto:

"Let Us Take Time for All Things"

Langhorne Junior Sorosis was the first Junior Club organized and federated in Bucks County in 1923. Sponsored by Langhorne Sorosis and largely through the efforts of Mrs. Horace Palmer, First Jr. Chairman, and Mrs. Charles H. Wood, Asst. Chairman, nine daughters of Seniors formed our first club. However, the following year the membership was opened to the girls and

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Compliments of NEWTOWN NEW CENTURY CLUB

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young women of Langhorne and vicinity and by 1925 increased to 27 members, which today has grown to 75 members. Meeting first in the Langhorne Library, then in members' homes, our present meeting place is the Langhorne Community House.

Until 1931, the Juniors were listed in the back of Langhorne Sorosis' Yearbook. Their Club Poem was:

"So shall the stream of time
flow by,
And leave each year a richer
good
And matron loveliness outvie,
The nameless charm of
maidenhood."

Today our charitable interests include the Red Cross together with the Mothers March, Salvation Army, Cancer, Mental Health, Crippled Children, Veterans Hospitals, Multiple Sclerosis, etc.

In 1934, our Senior Advisor, Mrs. Arthur F. Hager, called a Presidents' meeting of the six existing Junior Clubs and the first County Executive Board and it was decided to sponsor "The Catherine Schell Crumrine Scholarship Fund." Mrs. Crumrine, a teacher, directed our Follies which were an annual event at that time and also served as first Junior County Chairman doing much to further the Juniors.

Our many projects include sponsorship of local Girl Scout and Brownies Troops, help in small ways to Miss Edith Killey, former Langhorne school teacher, now a victim of Multiple Sclerosis, Scrapbooks to children in hospitals, Restoration of the Langhorne Community House, for which we won the coveted first prize of \$200.00 in the Pennsylvania Community Contest in 1958 and the renovation of the Children's Room at the Langhorne Library adding 170 books to their shelves.

FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB OF LEVITTOWN

In November, 1952, a group

of women met in the Tullytown School Building to organize Levittown's first women's club. A steering committee was appointed and the agenda was mapped for future meetings, under the guidance of members of the Bucks County Federation.

On December 11, 1952, Mrs. Carlton Davis was elected first president and Mrs. William Price, vice-president.

The constitution and by-laws were adopted in February, 1953, by 175 members. In March, 1953, 230 members signed the club charter. Affiliation with the General Federation of Women's Clubs was in 1953 and incorporation in 1957.

A total of \$1800 was presented to the Lower Bucks Hospital, the club's first project. From 1955 until 1961 the library was selected as a project and \$5700 has been donated to date.

Service to the community is evidenced by library volunteers, music department programs for hospitals and organizations, assistance given to needy families, active sponsorship of five Girl Scout Troops and approximately eighteen other projects.

Lower Makefield Woman's Club

In 1950, thirty-three women of Lower Makefield Township met to form the Lower Makefield Woman's Club. In a very short time, the membership had outgrown home meetings and had moved to the Kindergarten room at the school. When almost a year old, the club became federated.

The aim of the club from its inception was to work for the betterment of the community. One of the first problems was to secure better telephone service. The group worked to make Makefield Road safer for the children going to school. They discussed and wrote letters about many community problems including: Better police protection, safer playgrounds, garbage disposal, postal service, bus ser-

vice, and reduced rates on the Reading R.R. for shoppers.

In 1951, our club was instrumental in establishing the Edith Killey Fund for a victim of multiple sclerosis and we helped to raise \$4500. They organized the Delaware Valley School for Retarded Children for which the club paid the teacher, purchased supplies and kept it going until it was taken over by the school system.

At the time of the flood in 1955, members contributed money and services. Much clothing was collected and distributed to the victims. At one time we shipped 200 pounds of clothing for flood relief in Holland.

The current club project is financial aid to the Braille School maintained by the Bucks Co. Board of School Directors. The contribution is used to purchase extras not included in the school budget.

THE MORRISVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB

In January, 1934, a group of ten women in the Morrisville area started the Morrisville Woman's Club, holding their meetings at the homes of various members. The Club was accepted as a member of the Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs in April, 1934. As the membership increased, meetings were held at historic "Summerseat",

and then Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church. The Club now has an active membership of close to two hundred women, due in part to the enthusiasm of its members and the excellence of the programs offered.

The Club supports all county projects and several local ones as well. For many years it has supplied the Morrisville Library with funds and womanpower, and annually it gives a prize to the outstanding mathematics student in the Morrisville High School.

Its welfare Department is active the year round in helping the less fortunate members of the community. Members of the Department have offered their services for transportation of those attending Senior Citizens Club meetings each week.

NEW HOPE WOMEN'S CLUB

On March 31, 1920, the first meeting of the League of Women's Citizens of New Hope was organized. On June 3rd, 1920, it was decided to rename the league the "Women's Club of New Hope." Two meetings a month were held, one a social meeting in the afternoon of the first Wednesday of each month and a regular meeting in the evening of the

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third Wednesday; yearly dues were one dollar. Four charter members are still active in the club: Mrs. George H. Ely, Mrs. John Folinsbee, Miss Edith Higgins, Mrs. M. Hubert Walton. The Club voted October 27, 1920, to become a member of the Bucks County Federation. By September, 1922, the membership numbered 42 and at this time an amendment was made to have the Club year from October to May inclusive.

The Bucks County Federation celebrated its tenth anniversary at New Hope April 26, 1924, during Mrs. William C. Ryan's term of office.

A later distinction which came to the club was an outstanding award from the State Federation given Miss Bessie Phillips, for a very complete and interesting book, compiled by the Fine Arts Department under her direction. This won first prize in competition with all other counties in the State. This book has been placed in the library of the Bucks County Historical Museum in Doylestown.

Mrs. Walter Ely (now deceased) conducted her first meeting as County President in Perkasee, October 1940.

Of recent years the Club, with a membership of 66, has continued through its various departments to promote friendly cooperation among its members and sought to foster right thinking about community problems. Miss Anne Lockhead is serving the County Federation as Recording Secretary.

The Junior Women's Club of New Hope which was organized August 1923 and federated June 1939, now numbers 34 members.

NEWPORTVILLE WOMEN'S CLUB

The Newportville Women's Club was founded in 1955 by 15 women who sought a non-denominational women's group that would offer fellowship, improve community conditions and offer a chance for self and family betterment.

An emergency for such organization arose almost before the ink was dry on the Club's charter. The great flood of September 1955 inundated about 50% of the area. The Club sped into action and launched a drive to relieve flood victims. Over \$5,000 was collected and distributed by the group.

The Club decided an interest in flower growing would help beautify the community and create hobbies for members of the Club. An annual flower show is held to heighten the interest.

A handicraft exchange of skills is featured annually along

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with persons bringing treasured articles from their homes to share.

Members marched for the polio drive, aided the cancer crusade and donated to many philanthropic organizations. They set up a cancer dressing center and took an active part in the cancer questionnaire research.

When the local fire company was raising money to help the family of a deceased member, the group gave a block party benefit for the fund.

The Club members take over fashion shows, cake sales and game parties with the same vigor and ingenuity they use with everything else. They just like it that way.

NEWTOWN NEW CENTURY CLUB

On November 12, 1895, a group of ladies interested in forming a literary club, met at the home of Mrs. Lavinia Blackfan. A delegation from the New Century Club of Wilmington, Delaware, came to Newtown to explain the workings of such a club. It was then decided to form a "Current Events Club" and 30 members were inducted into the club at that time.

Mrs. George L. Maris was the first president, and meetings were held twice a month. Today the club meets but once each month.

The club holds a certificate of membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs, dated May 8, 1926.

In 1926 Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Hutchinson deeded to the club the old Newtown Academy as permanent headquarters. Early in World War II the building was used for first aid instruction, home defense, Red Cross sewing, etc. When the building became a financial burden to the club, it was sold to the First National Bank of Newtown.

The club now meets at the Neshaminy Valley Youth Center, a building which the club helps maintain as one of its projects.

The club celebrated its 65th anniversary in May 1961 with presidents of all county clubs as guests.

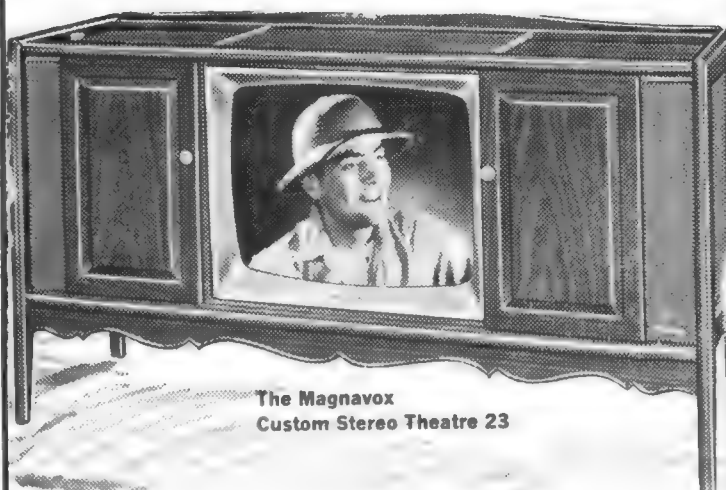
History of Newtown Junior New Century Club

The Newtown Junior New Century Club was organized and federated in 1936. The object of the club is to develop the educational, civic and social interest of its members, to advance the welfare of the community and to promote the progress and work of the Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs.

Through the years the club has

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donated to various local organizations such as the Newtown Fire Company, the Needlework Guild and the Ambulance Drive. They have conducted drives for the Salvation Army, infantile Paralysis, United Fund and most recently the Lily Parade for Crippled Children.

They have sponsored projects for the local Welfare Committee, Girl Scouts, Newtown Library, and the Neshaminy Valley Youth Center.

The project for the Youth Center has been the most recent one and was the Community Achievement project for the 1959-1961 club year. A "Watch Your Dollar Grow" project in the club and the sponsoring of a Fashion Show and Card Party realized \$560 which was given to the Youth Center to be used against the deficit for their new addition.

In March of this year the club celebrated its 25th Anniversary and had a special program at which most of the original fifteen signers of our charter attended.

It is interesting to note that our present president is the daughter of the first president.

PENNSBURY WOMEN'S CLUB

The Pennsbury Women's Club, organized and federated in 1950, has worked very hard and has been successful in its many projects.

In addition to sponsoring the United Nations Contest in the Pennsbury High School, the club submitted an entry in the Vogue Sewing Contest and sponsored the Hallmark Art Contest in the Bucks Technical School. The entry, entitled "American Horizons," took first place in the Southeast District and second place for the State. The club is very proud of these accomplishments and looks forward to next year.

The Membership Committee made a special effort to increase the membership, find new ideas and interests, and get to know each other better. This closeness helps to keep all of us working toward our goals, whether they be local, county, state or national.

Projects for the year included support to the Falls Township Fire Company, a linen and bedding collection for the Delaware Valley Rescue Squad, doing our share toward the County Project, contributing to the State Projects and being aware of what is expected of us nationally.

A Penny Auction, Card Party, Valentine Dance and a Sample Fair were some of the Ways and Means plans for the year.

The Club works hard to meet its obligations, but there's always time for the annual Christmas

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Dinner and, this year, a bus trip to New York.

Programs vary from flower arranging to favorite recipes, interests in Conservation and the progress of Brownie Troop No. 110, sponsored by the club.

The Club is looking forward to the future and its challenge to do a little bit better, to ourselves as well as to our community.

Woman's Club of Perkasio

The Woman's Club of Perkasio began 64 years ago when ten women met to form the "Ladies Literary League" in October, 1897. It continued small in number but rapidly extended its initial literary concept to include civic and welfare activity. Clothing was sewn and milk supplied for the needy, baby clinics, Chataqua, school and welfare programs were sponsored, and extension courses were made available to those interested in further study. As the club developed, with the motto of Harmony, a firm pattern of work towards self and community betterment was established.

In 1914 affiliation was effected with the newly organized Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs. Membership in this larger and nationally federated group brought enlarged opportunity for concerted endeavor, expanded friendship, and increased responsibility. Countless club members have been active in county work and two have served as president.

In 1921 the name change to The Woman's Club of Perkasio was approved.

In 1929 membership increased greatly when eligibility was extended to the outlying areas of Perkasio. A group of Sellersville women became members at this time. Present membership averages two hundred and encompasses the Pennridge area. Only living charter member, Mrs. I. Y. Baringer, was honored with a formal Tree Dedication Service in 1957 at Lake Lenape in Menlo Park, Perkasio.

Tangible evidence of club efforts are shown in gifts to Grand View Hospital and the Penn Foundation for Mental Health (both in Sellersville), books for the libraries, scholarship aid, the Pennridge High School organ, help toward moving and saving the covered bridge, continuing donations to welfare, and in club support of County, State and General Federation projects.

Paramount aim of The Woman's Club of Perkasio continues to be that of participation by its members in self and community betterment.

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Covered Bridges are fast becoming just a picture in an old photo album, as they slowly disappear from the local scene. In 1920 there were 36 covered bridges in Bucks County, the highest number at any given time. Today there are just a mere dozen. Most of these are to be found along less frequently traveled roads. It is quite obvious that before long, Covered Bridges will have disappeared from the local scene entirely. One bridge is now in a state of great disrepair and may be torn down at any time.

The Perkasio Historical Society has preserved the South Perkasio Bridge, and has had it moved to a site in the park at Perkasio. Twining Bridge is located on private property near Newtown and is now privately owned.



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The Women's Club of Quakertown

We are 110 members of the Women's Club of Quakertown who are proud of our heritage of fifty progressive years. This club has grown from a nucleus of 18 enterprising, civic-minded women. Not only did they form this, the oldest active women's organization in Quakertown, but they were helpful in the establishment of our Bucks County Federation of Women's Clubs.

Throughout this period, awards have been made to deserving graduates of our local High School as one way of demonstrating our interest in education. Another phase is our continuing sponsorship of one Senior Scout and four Brownie Scout Troops.

As our share of local beautification for our community, the Women's Club has planted trees at such places as the lawn of the Friends' Meeting House and Memorial Park. At one time a "clean up campaign" was inaugurated with the club purchasing rubbish cans which were placed at strategic points about town. We were the original "anti-litter bugs" of our community.

In 1958 we purchased our own Club Building (see full page advertisement about our "little red School House"), and are arranging to have the many citations we received framed and placed on its walls. These represent the many phases of interest of our members: Mothers' March on Polio, Contribution to Reference Book Shelves for Bucks County Schools and the Community Achievement Award from Sears Roebuck Foundation.

Last year we sponsored the Quakertown Children's Theater performances. With an eye to the future, the Women's Club is hoping this will develop into a Civic Theater Group.

The women of our club aim to meet the needs of its individual members through its varied activities and to represent the best that women can offer to the community.

Drawing experience and satisfaction from the past, we look forward to enlarging our effectiveness as individuals, proud members of the Women's Club of Quakertown, and of the Federated Women's Club.

SENIOR WOMEN'S CLUB OF SOUTHAMPTON

The Senior Women's Club of

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Southampton, with over one-hundred members, celebrates its fortieth year of service to the community in 1961. Among the club's long list of achievements, perhaps the greatest is the Southampton Free Library. In the winter of 1921, members of the newly organized club started a free library in one unheated room over a real estate office, bravely checking out their meager supply of books in full regalia of hat, coat, and boots.

The library has been the continuing project of the Senior Club ever since. Working with the Junior Club of Southampton and the Library Board, they now help to support a modern library in its own building, which now includes a community room and a complete kitchen. The library, with over 6,000 books at present, is run entirely by twenty-five volunteers.

Scholarships for students of local schools are among the club's continuing projects. This year the Seniors with the Juniors, staged an Art Festival for the first time, proceeds going toward art scholarships for students. It was so successful that this also will be continued annually.

Another innovation this year was a party for the guests of Neshaminy Manor, Bucks County's Home for the Aged. Entertainment, gifts for all, and refreshments combined to give pleasure both to the old folks and to the club members.

The Senior Women's Club of Southampton is ready and eager to serve its fast growing community.

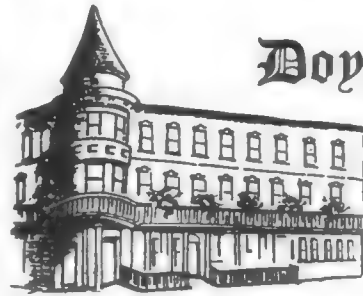
THE JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB OF SOUTHAMPTON

The Junior Women's Club of Southampton was organized and federated in 1931, meeting the second Monday of each month, September to June. The purpose of the Club is "to develop the intellectual, civic, and social interest of its members; to advance the welfare of the community." One of the main projects has been the Southampton Free Library. Members have given many hours of time in both the functions of the Library and helping in Club activities to finance the maintenance and in expansion of facilities. With the help of the Senior Women's Club and others we have seen the library grow, giving us a fine meeting place and kitchen facilities. The Southampton Youth Center has also been helped both financially and physically since its inception.

Socially we have many functions during the year, notably a

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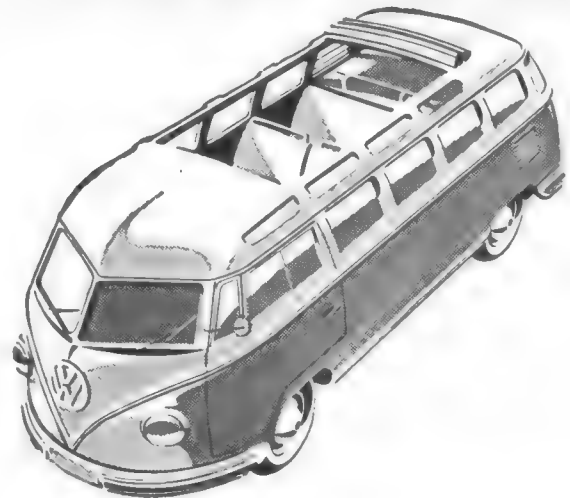
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covered dish supper, men's night, dances and other activities that we may share with our husbands. Civic work plays a large part of club life with active parts in the Mother's March, Southampton 4th of July Parade, a girl scout troop, Cancer work, and others. Many things come up during the club year that we are happy to participate in. One such project is the Art Festival, again in cooperation with our Seniors, which is to be in the fall. We have recently been asked to serve on the Juvenile Problems Committee which hopes to help our young people find their way in this difficult age.

**WARRINGTON
WOMAN'S CLUB**

In 1915 a group of women, under the leadership of Miss Mary H. Walter, met in the upper room of the Warrington School House to organize a Woman's Club. The name selected for the club was the "Warrington Welfare Association." Mrs. Harry James, a member of the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown, came down on the trolley to Warrington to assist with the organization. The new club, in selecting an object for its organization, decided that it would aim to benefit the community by developing a greater interest in the co-operation of the homes and schools of Warrington Township. A Poster Contest, with money awards, was conducted for many years, with the school children as participants. The teachers were guests of the club at the September meeting for many years. In 1933 the first Flower Show was a feature of the September Meeting.

During the Washington Bicentennial year of 1932 three Pin Oak trees were planted on the grounds of the three township schools: one at Neshaminy in honor of George Washington; one at Warrington in honor of Club Founder Mary H. Walter, and one at Mill Creek, in honor of a deceased President, Mrs. Sadie M. Clymer.

During the club year of 1925-26 the name of the club was changed to "Warrington Woman's Club." The club has always taken an active part in the activities of both the Bucks County and the Pennsylvania Federation. It was federated in 1918.

Mrs. Nelson Downing is the present President, with a club membership of 76.

**THE WARRINGTON
JUNIOR WOMEN'S
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Women's Club in Warrington was realized. The person who recognized this need and was instrumental in founding the club was Helen Buchanan Ruff. Through her efforts, the Warrington Junior Women's Club was organized and federated in March, 1934. Since that time the Warrington Junior Women's Club has been an active organization, serving the community.

Among its many services, it has sponsored Warrington Day, Girl Scout Troops, and supported birthday parties for the Veterans at the Valley Forge Hospital, Red Cross Drives, and the Doylestown Hospital.

A "Teacher's Recognition Day," which honors the teachers at the Warrington Elementary School, was originated by the club several years ago. In addition, it initiated the sale of savings stamps and bonds at the Warrington School.

The Mother's March on Polio is just one of the many charitable services conducted by the club. Gifts for patients at Allentown State Hospital, plus local welfare projects for the needy have also been undertaken, with countless numbers of Junior Women through the last 27 years participating.

Since entering the Community Achievement Contest six years ago, the Warrington Community Building has become a favorite project of the club. The club has made a special effort to support and maintain the building along with two other organizations in the community.

With service to the community, The Warrington Junior Women's Club has been established.

**FEDERATED WOMEN'S
CLUB OF WARMINSTER**

The Federated Women's Club of Warminster held its first meeting on April 8, 1959, at the Warminster Township Building. This meeting culminated the efforts of Mrs. John Pearce and Mrs. Thomas Eynon who felt there was a need and a desire among the women of the Township for such an organization. On July 16, 1959, the Club became Federated with 114 charter members. Today, after two years of existence, the club totals 143 members.

The Club's motto, adopted in 1960 is Friendship, Unity and Progress. Through the friendship of its members, unity is assured and through the unity of its members progress is a certainty.

The purpose of this club, as of all Federated Women's Clubs, is to develop the cultural, civic, educational, and social interests of its members and to advance the welfare of the community.

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The achievements, thus far of the club, have been directed by this purpose. The welfare of the community has been served by the establishment of a Clothing Center for distribution to those in need, a year round Emergency Food Program and a Driving Pool which furnishes transportation to clinic patients.

The cultural interests of the Community and its members has been furthered by the initial establishment of Library facilities. The use of a room in the township building has been obtained, 3,500 books have been collected, 7 units of shelving installed and the services of a professional librarian obtained. Within the year, it is hoped the First Free Library of Warminster will be opened to the public.

A 200 member goal has been set for the current year. With perseverance, effort and the same zeal shown in past endeavors, it will be achieved.

YARDLEY CIVIC CLUB

The organization of the Yardley Civic Club which meets at the Community Centre, Yardley, came about as the result of an emergency. The Fire Company needed a new home! So a group of women headed up a committee to run a two-day carnival and

supper. They worked so well together they organized themselves and in 1915 became the Yardley Civic Club with thirty members and "A Better Yardley" their motto. In 1920 they widened their scope of operations and became affiliated with the Federation of Women's Clubs.

Many worthwhile projects have been taken on and accomplished in their fifty-one years of existence, not the least of which was getting an ordinance passed prohibiting the use of fireworks in the Borough and helping to beautify the Community Centre, their meeting home.

Two club members, Mrs. George G. Bennett and Mrs. Alfred Danser, have been presidents of the Bucks County Federation and many of its members have served in other capacities.

In 1956, the Junior Civic Club joined with the Senior Club and have just finished their current project for "A Better Yardley" by providing a powder room for the town's library.

In support of the club's local project, a tour in December of new and old houses, decorated in the Spirit of Christmas will be held. The Club extends a hearty invitation to all and will be glad to send information on request.

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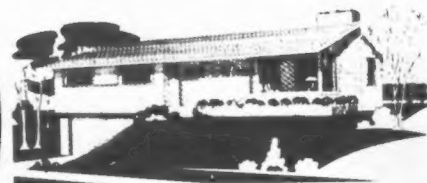
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